

**RULES AND ORDERS**  
**FOR THE**  
**REGULATION AND GOVERNMENT**  
**OF THE**  
**HOUSE OF DELEGATES OF MARYLAND,**  
**AT DECEMBER SESSION, 1834.**

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**TOUCHING THE DUTIES OF THE SPEAKER.**

1st. The Speaker shall take the Chair every day, precisely at the hour to which the house stands adjourned; shall immediately call the members to order, and, after Divine Service has been performed, on the appearance of a quorum, shall cause the journal of the preceding day to be read.

2d. He shall preserve decorum and order, may speak to points of order in preference to other members; shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the House by any two members; and his decision of any question shall be final, unless the yeas and nays be required; and he may vote on every question (except on an appeal from the decision of the Chair, on a question of order.)

3d. The Speaker shall examine and correct the journal before it is read. He shall have a general direction of the Hall. He shall have a right to name, from time to time, any member to perform the duties of the Chair, but such substitution shall not extend beyond an adjournment. He shall appoint all conferrees and committees, unless otherwise directed